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Johnson Secures Job Funds for Danbury

Electro Energy Developing Cutting Edge Energy Solutions

DANBURY, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson has helped secure key jobs and development funds for Danbury's Electro Energy Inc., a leading manufacturer of advanced battery technologies. These new funds to continue development of advanced energy storage systems that boost electricity reliability and affordability.

"At a time of rising energy costs, the workers at Electro Energy are leading the way to produce better energy technologies and lower costs," Johnson said. "This research and development has wide applications and will help us maintain affordable and reliable energy supplies in the future. These new funds will push this research even further and strengthen Danbury's local economy. I appreciate the fine work of everyone at Electro Energy and their contributions to our energy needs."

Johnson secured \$1.5 million for continued research for Electro Energy's advanced "bipolar wafer-cell nickel metal hydride" battery in the final 2006 spending bill for the Department of Energy. It passed the House this week by an overwhelming 399-17 vote. It is expected to pass the Senate soon.

In a March letter to Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman David Hobson (R-OH), Johnson expressed strong support for this funding because Electro Energy's "battery technology development program promises to increase electric power reliability and quality as well as reduce electric utility costs to all consumers."

Johnson previously secured \$1 million for this critical funding in each of the fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004.

"I am extraordinarily grateful to Rep. Nancy Johnson and the entire Connecticut congressional delegation for their continued support of the Danbury business community, our employees and Electro Energy Inc." said Martin G. Klein, Electro Energy's Chairman and CEO. "The 2006 Department of Energy funding will allow Electro Energy to continue development of our battery technology for a mix of energy storage applications at a time when consumers are demanding lower costs and greater power reliability. This is great news for Electro Energy, our employees and the Danbury community."